

Hampton Roads Environmental Management System (EMS) – Environmental Policy

The Hampton Roads EMS is a decision based framework based on the Plan-Do-Check-Act model and is derived from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001 framework. It is important to note that the EMS is not a distinct environmental program, but a business tool that helps ensure the successful implementation, evaluation, and improvement of all environmental programs.

A fundamental principle of the EMS is that military and civilian personnel operating across all missions, activities, and functions are accountable for understanding and managing the potential environmental impacts of their jobs. As a person working for, or on behalf, of this Installation, one of the things you are expected to know is the Installation's Environmental Policy.

The Installation Commanding Officer's Environmental Policy has made certain commitments that include, but are not limited to:

- Compliance with Federal, State and local environmental laws, regulations and policies,
- Preventing Pollution at its source whenever possible,
- And continually improving the Installation's environmental performance.

The acronym *C.A.R.E.* has been developed to help summarize the key concepts of the Environmental Policy:

C – Comply with rules
A – Always improve
R – Reduce waste
E – Eliminate pollution

If you have environmental questions or EMS questions in general, contact your Installation Environmental Office at 757. 836.1862 or the EMS Coordinator at 757.341.0397.

